Assistance for setting up of jails

2261. SHRI K. GOPALAN:
SHRI V. GOPALASAMY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether any assistance financial aid is being given by the Central Government to the States in setting up new jail, particularly model jails, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): Under the award of the Eighth Finance Commission, Government have provided an amount of Rs. 135.56 crores for the upgradation of standard of jail administration for the period 1985—89 for 16 States. Out of this an amount of Rs. 67.97 crores has been provided for the construction of sub-jails (except in Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Sikkim and Tripura). An amount of Rs. 33.89 crores representing 25 per cent of the amount has been released eo the States in 1985-86 on account basis. This amount pertains to all the schemes for the jail sector and not merely to the construction of sub-jails.

Disputes between the F.C.I. and the Foodgrains procuring agencies of Punjab Government

2262. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL:
SHRIMATI AMARJIT KAUR:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the various agencies of Punjab Government procure foodgrains for the Food Corporation of India (FCI) but the latter does not take possession of the same for a long time;

(b) if so, what is the nature of disputes that have often arisen between the FCI and Punjab Government agencies during the last two years; and

(c) what considerations led to the abolition of the Joint Committee comprising FCI and State Organisations for the formulation of plans for movement of foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Procurement of foodgrains in Punjab is also done by State agencies on behalf of the FFCI. The take-over of food-grains by the F.C.I. from the State agencies is a continuous process.

(b) Operational matters requiring mutual consultation may arise from time to time.

(c) Plans for the movement of foodgrains are formulated by the FCI at meetings in which representatives of the Punjab Government and its agencies also participate

Freedom of information

2263. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of countries where citizens enjoy freedom of information;

(b) whether India has ratified the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights; and

(c) if so, what steps Government are taking to grant freedom of information in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Foreign funds

2264. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report appearing in the *Hindustan Times* of 26th May,

1986 to the effect that foreign funds received by about 7000 to 10000 organisations have increased from about Rs. 2091 millions in 1981 to Rs. 2337 millions in 1983 and that some organisations were using these foreign funds for activites of Tribal, Separatists Religious Fundamentalists and also of Naxalites;

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard; and

(c) what action has been taken in this regard and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The receipt of foreign contribution reported by the organisations during the years 1981 to 1983 is as under:—

Year	No. of recipient organisations	Amount (Rs. in crores)
1981 . . .	3278	230 46
1982 . . .	3308	233 78
1983 . . .	3386	264·22

There is no specific information to substantiate the correlation of foreign funds with the activities of tribal separatists, religious fundamentalists and Nexalites.

(c) Activities of the organisations receiving foreign contribution are being closely monitored and actoin under the provisions of Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act is taken against the recalcitrant organisations.

Filing of annual returns of property by the Ministers

2265. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether each Central Minister is required to file to the Prime Minister and each Minister in the States to the Chief Minister, the annual returns of his property and other assets; and

(b) if so, since when this is being done and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) A code of conduct for Ministers (both Central and States) was evolved by Government in 1964. Under this Code, the Ministers of the Government of India are required to submit to the Prime Minister on their assumption of office and annually thereafter by the 31st March, a declaration of their assets and liabilities. The Ministers of the State Government are also required to submit to their Chief Ministers a similar declaration.

Loss suffered by food Corporation of India

2266. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the loss suffered by the Food Corporation of India under various heads in each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether any Internal Committee was appointed to look into the working of the Food Corporation of India; and

(c) if so, what are the observations and suggestions made by the committee and action taken by Government thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The losses of foodgrains are accounted under two heads namely (i) storage and (ii) transit including voyage. The losses incurred